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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

I. Field of the Invention

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II. Description of Related Art

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following section heading at page 10, between line 28 and line 29:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following section heading at page 10, between line 37 and line 38:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, lines 20-35, as follows:

The marking element 14 is intended to be in perpetuity. To this end, according to the type of glazing unit, the choice of the location and the choice of the manner of affixing of the marking element 14 will be optimized in order to avoid any possible degradation.

Thus, depending on the type of support on which the marking element 14 is affixed, this element may be engraved or alternatively printed (using a screen printing technique, stamps, etc.) using an ink suited to the type of support.

In the case of the insulating glazing unit 9, the marking element 14 is preferably arranged on the interlayer so as not to be degraded, and facing the gas-filled cavity in order to be visible.

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, lines 12-26, as follows:

Figure 3 illustrates the method of identifying the glazing unit by recognition of the marking element 14.

The marking element 14 is therefore visible so that it can be recognized by any suitable recognition means. It can be read visually by any individual 20 or by any suitable reader device 21 (character recognition equipment for example).

In order to determine all of the characteristics relating to the glazing unit, all that is required, having read the marking element 14, is to transmit its contents (the question) to reception means 30 which are connected to identification means 40 comprising, for example, a database.

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, lines 33-38, as follows:

The database 40 transcribes the characters from the marking element 14 into an explicit list of information and communicates this list (the answer) to the reception means 30 or to other connecting means 31 which pass it on to the individual 20 or to a recording device or appropriate display device 50.

Please amend the paragraph at page 13, line 38 to page 14, line 4, as follows:

The database 40 has, in its memory, an item of information which collates all the technical characteristics of the glazing unit, its manufacturing characteristics, the characteristics associated with its destination, etc. The marking element 14 corresponds to this information.

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 6-10, as follows:

The marking element 14 is restricted to a certain number of characters, for example about ten, for space reasons, and to make the reading easier to understand and easier to transmit without error when, for example, it is read by an individual.

Please amend the paragraph at page 15, lines 19-38, as follows:

This marking element 14, the identity of which is in an independent database, for example, database 40, has the advantage of being able, for this same marking element 14, to add to the database 40 any additional information subsequent to the manufacture of the glazing unit. For example, if the glazing unit already at the time of manufacture meets specifications which have not yet been covered by standards but which later become so, the manufacturer will easily be able to add to the database this standards information relating to the standards that the glazing unit meets, the marking element 14 remaining the same.

Finally, it should be noted that answer filters 41 are preferably associated with the database 40. These filters select which information to communicate according to the origin of the question. Thus, a manufacturing plant may have access to all of the characteristics, whereas the initial customer will have access to a more limited list.